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Pawtucket man is sentenced to 235 months in prison for trafficking in crack cocaine and heroin

A federal judge today sentenced **Hector Martinez-Torres**, of Pawtucket, to 235 months in federal prison for trafficking in crack cocaine and heroin. On four occasions last year, Martinez-Torres and a codefendant, **Jorge Cintron**, sold crack outside Pawtucket apartments in transactions that were monitored by **Drug Enforcement Administration** agents. On one of those occasions, the defendants also sold heroin.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence. In June, Martinez-Torres, whose last known address is 84 Montgomery Street, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, four counts of distributing crack cocaine, and one count of distributing heroin.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose said that the government could prove that, on October 21, 2003, a man made arrangements with Martinez-Torres to buy an ounce of crack for \$1,000. When contacted at an apartment at 101 Barton Street, Martinez-Torres told the buyer that he would send his "cousin" out to make the transaction. Cintron then appeared outside the building and gave the buyer 27.9 grams of crack cocaine in exchange for \$1,000. Drug Enforcement Administration agents monitored the transaction.

In November, Martinez-Torres and Cintron made three additional sales of crack cocaine to the same buyer in the same manner, but from an apartment at 84 Montgomery Street,

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each time selling approximately one ounce of crack for \$1,000. On the last occasion, on November 21, the two also sold the buyer 13 grams of heroin for \$860.

DEA agents monitored all of the transactions. Martinez-Torres and Cintron sold a total of 84.4 grams of crack cocaine and 12.2 grams of heroin in the four monitored transactions.

In August, Judge Torres sentenced Cintron to 70 months in prison for his role in the drug transactions.

The **Drug Enforcement Administration**, **Central Falls Police**, and **Pawtucket Police** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose prosecuted it.

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